

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION  
USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or  
 Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_,  
 as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

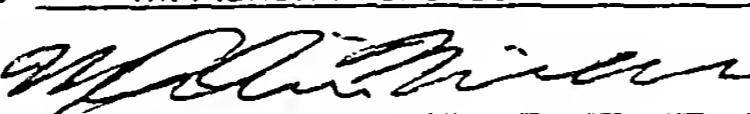
I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)**

Inventor one M. Adrian Michalicek Date: 04 MAY 2001

Signature:  Citizen of: United States

Inventor two \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor three \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor four \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional inventors are being named on \_\_\_\_\_ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	M. Adrian Michalicek
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	19930-001400

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Applicant/Inventor.  
 Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
*Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).*

**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name *Network Photonics Inc. by Steven Georgis, President*

Signature *[Signature]*

Date *4/27/01*

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required.  
Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

\*Total of one form is submitted.

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## ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

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WHEREAS, M. Adrian Michalicek, of 10752 Ross Court, Westminster, CO 80021; hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: HIDDEN FLEXURE ULTRA PLANAR OPTICAL ROUTING ELEMENT

Filing Date: 5/4/01

Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, Network Photonics, Inc., located at 4775 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO, 80301, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has assigned, and by these presents does assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on any patent application claiming priority from the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

Dated: 04 MAY 2001



M. Adrian Michalicek

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(l) & 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

Applicant or Patentee:  
Application or Patent No.:  
Filed or Issued:  
Title:

M. Adrian Michalicek

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HIDDEN FLEXURE ULTRA PLANAR OPTICAL ROUTING ELEMENT

I hereby declare that I am:

- the owner of the small business concern identified below;  
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

Name of Small Business Concern:  
Address of Small Business Concern:

Network Photonics, Inc.

4775 Walnut Street

Boulder, CO 80301

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled HIDDEN FLEXURE ULTRA PLANAR OPTICAL ROUTING ELEMENT by inventor(s) M. A. Michalicek described in:

- the specification filed herewith;  
 Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_;  
 Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern that would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

Name:  
Address:

Individual

Small Business Concern

Nonprofit Organization

Name:  
Address:

Individual

Small Business Concern

Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of Person Signing:  
Title of Person if Other than Owner:  
Address of Person Signing:

Steven Georgis

President

4775 Walnut Street

Boulder, CO 80301

Signature

Date

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: M. Adrian Michalicek

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: HIDDEN FLEXURE ULTRA PLANAR OPTICAL ROUTING ELEMENTNetwork Photonics, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) \_\_\_\_\_  
etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency,

states that it is:

1.  the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2.  an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B.  A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

4/27/01

Date



Steven Georgis

Typed or printed name

President

Title

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